THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Madhya Pradesh is one of the four States covered under the Dam Safety Assurance and Rehabilitation Project. The project envisages strengthening of existing agencies responsible for Dam Safety inclusive of rehabilitation works at selected dams upgrading standards and procedures for dam safety inspections and review in the Central Government and the four participating States of Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu. The Project would cover 33 dams including 8 dams in Madhya Pradesh, namely, Pagara, Pillowa, Kotwal, Gandhisagar, Tigra, Kaketo, Barna and Aoda. The World Bank has provided an amount of US $ 153 million for the implementation of the Project.

Madhya Pradesh—a Drought Prone State

3243. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that Madhya Pradesh is a drought prone State in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to make available additional funds for irrigatrion sector in Madhya Pradesh;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) how the Government propose to strengthen the irrigation sector in Madhya Pradesh ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) 11 out of 45 districts of Madhya Pradesh have been identified as drought prone districts according to a study carried out by the Central Water Commission.

(b) to (d) Irrigation Projects are formulated by the State Governments to provide irrigation facilities in the region where it is considered essential. Ministry of Water Resources has no separate funds and has not formulated any separate plans to provide irrigation facilities and strengthen the irrigation sector in Madhya Pradesh. However under Drought Prone Area Programme of Ministry of Rural Development, funds are proposed to be provided in 6 drought prone districts of M.P. to construct small water resources structures to augment irrigation.

Special Courts to hear the cases of Atrocities on SC/ST

@3244. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Special Courts at District level for hearing the matters of atrocities on SC/ST Communities have been constituted in all districts in all states;

(b) if not, the names of districts in which such special courts have not so far been constituted with reasons therefor;

(c) the total number of cases received in such special court constituted at District level in all States for hearing cases of atrocities on SC/ST Communities; and

(d) the total number of cases out of (c) above, decided in favour of SC/ST Communities and nature of decision taken in each case ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) and (b) All the State Governments and UT Administrations except Aurnachal Pradesh Mizoram and Nagaland have specified Special Courts at District levels for the trial of offences under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.

The State Governments of Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram and Nagaland do not feel it necessary to specify Special Courts under the Act as there are no incidents of atrocities. The Act does not extended to Jammu & Kashmir.

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